IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shigeru HIDESAWA

Serial No.   Group Art Unit:

Confirmation No.

Filed: January 29, 2002   Examiner:

For: SERVER MACHINE, CLIENT MACHINE, SERVER PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM,
       CLIENT PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM, SERVICE PROVIDING METHOD, AND
       SERVICE SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the pending claims in accordance with the following:

29.   The service providing method according to claim 1, wherein said calculated point value is displayed at the user machine provided with the tentative service when said user machine is being provided with the tentative service.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to delete multiple dependency of claim 29 as originally-filed.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.
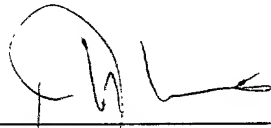
Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claim 29 as follows:

29. (AMENDED)   The service providing method according to [claim 28 or 29] claim 1, wherein said calculated point value is displayed at the user machine provided with the tentative service when said user machine is being provided with the tentative service.